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First Baptist Church of Wetumpka Listed to the National Register of Historic Places

The First Baptist Church of Wetumpka was listed to the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of Interior on October 24, 2008.

The church was originally constructed in 1852, and currently occupies the equivalent of a city block on a busy street. The property reflects typical priorities of the Baptist ministry, particularly the emphasis on Christian education and, most recently, on family life activities in a multi-use facility. The congregation was officially formed in 1821, and was called the Coosa River Baptist Church. In 1837 the congregation was combined with another Baptist congregation and was named the Coosa River Baptist Church of Wetumpka. The name then changed to the First Baptist Church of Wetumpka in 1942.

The significant architecture of the church was noted by the inclusion of the building in the Historic American Building Survey (HABS), conducted by the federal government in 1935. The design of the building is classified as Gothic Revival, or Classical Revival.

The church, located at 205 West Bridge Street, celebrated its 150th anniversary in July of 1996 and continues to house an active congregation today.

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